

lovely and bright,
so full of bluebonnets
and coyotes at night.

Free as a bird,
that soars in the sky,
oh, how I love the way
your flag waves far and wide.

Immigrant, immigrant,
traveling from afar,
warmly welcomed in America,
are those who are scarred.

That's what I am,
and I want to be free,
I want to have value,
and I want to be me.

I set out on a journey
and far will I roam
until I reach my new country,
a place I'll call home.

In this country of immigrants,
I want to have meaning
to have a life of peace
and freedom of being.

I travel to America
where opportunity awaits,
the land of the free
and the home of the brave.

[From the Montgomery Elementary School,
Atlanta, GA]

WHY I AM GLAD AMERICA IS A NATION OF IMMIGRANTS

(By Melissa Cheng)

The Dutch Butcher, the German Baker, The
Chinese who created paper, to this
great land gathers great skill, and we
all contribute, so do I, and make Amer-
ica greater still.

From some lands people flee,
To America the place of democracy,
For where they originated they had no free-
dom or rights for they had a dictator
who didn't treat them right.

I am glad I have hearts of hope, dreams of
freedom to be and practice who and
what I want to be. For freedom there is
a price.

We all must stand together willing to fight.
We all must stand together and earn this
right.

Without these cultures from near and far,
today we wouldn't be who we are.
Pasta from Italy, bread from Germany, and
piniatas that come from Mexico, are
what makes America unique.

All these things put together strengthen our
unity and create one big community.

America the land of opportunity is a place
where everybody has an equal chance
including me!!!

That is why I am glad America is a nation of
immigrants.

[From the Amelia Earhart School, Alameda,
CA]

I AM GLAD AMERICA IS A NATION OF IMMIGRANTS

(By Jessica Du)

America is a nation of immigrants
As you can plainly see
Someone in your history
Made a change in your family tree.

Everyone must have a time
When they moved from place to place
To live a better life
And challenge it face to face

People come to America
For freedom and for rights
To speak freely and be educated
And explore new heights

My parents are from Vietnam
Dad escaped by boat

If someone was lucky, they'd make it to
shore

If not, in the ocean they'd have to float
My parents changed my whole life
If they hadn't moved here
I would be in a different country
Living in a land of fear
My classmates are from here and there
We are all different races
We speak many languages
And smile with different faces
America is a nation of immigrants
We don't care what race you are
The poor and rich should know
You're welcome from near or far.

[From the International School of Indiana,
Indianapolis, IN]

OPEN TO DIFFERENCES

(By Elias Reisman)

My grandma was from Russia
Her dad had a different belief.
The army came and seized him
Which caused her family grief.
She made it to the United States,
Fell in love with a Russian man,
War was looming, he signed up.
"Let's marry while we can."

They had three kids
All three were raised as Jews.
My dad met mom, a Christian girl
And they had two little new.

Our self portrait is not crystal clear.
When asked, what do we tell?
There is no single label
That tells our story well.

We go to an international school
There are kids of every kind.
Every race and faith and country
Makes it even a better time.

When we seek out those who differ,
Respect all points of view,
We are happier, wiser, stronger,
And our country's safer too.

We do not care
Whether yellow, black, or white,
Immigrant or native—
IT IS ALL RIGHT!

RECOGNIZING GENERAL ERIC SHINSEKI ON HIS RETIREMENT AS ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF

Mr. INOUE. Madam President, on
June 11, 2003, I had the honor and privi-
lege of attending the retirement cere-
mony at Fort Myer, VA, for GEN Eric
Shinseki, who served with distinction
during his 4 years as Army Chief of
Staff. A native of Hawaii who rose
through the ranks while devoting 38
years of his life to defending our Na-
tion, General Shinseki ended his career
as the highest ranking Asian-American
in the history of the United States
military.

His farewell speech was a message of
thanks, a reminder of the need for
shared values, and an underscoring of
the importance of inspired leadership
and the dangers of arrogance.

I ask that General Shinseki's speech,
as well as the remarks that Acting Sec-
retary of the Army Les Brownlee made
during General Shinseki's retirement
ceremony, be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the speech
was printed in the RECORD, as follows:
SPEECH BY GENERAL ERIC K. SHINSEKI, 34TH
CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE U.S. ARMY, AT HIS
RETIREMENT CEREMONY, AT FORT MYER,
VA, ON JUNE 11, 2003

Secretary Brownlee, thank you for the
generosity of your remarks, and for hosting

today's ceremony. You lead the Army
through a difficult period; best wishes in the
execution of your important duties.

Secretary and Mrs. Norm Mineta, Trans-
portation, thank you for being here.

We have received tremendous support from
the defense oversight committees: Senate
Armed Services Committee—Senators War-
ner and Levin; Senate Appropriations Com-
mittee for defense—Senators Stevens and
Inouye; House Armed Services Committee—
Congressmen Hunter and Skelton; Congress-
man Bill Young, Chairman of the House Ap-
propriations Committee; and Congressmen
Lewis and Murtha, House Appropriations
Committee for Defense. Thank you all and
your dedicated staffs, Sid Ashworth, Valerie
Baldwin, John Bonsall, Dan Cox, and former
Staff Director Steve Cortese, for your sup-
port of the Army, its initiatives for the fu-
ture, and its soldiers.

Let me also acknowledge the leadership of
the Senate and House Army Caucuses: Sen-
ators Inhofe and Akaka, Congressmen
McHugh and Edwards. We truly appreciate
the tremendous support you provide for the
Army's initiatives.

We are fortunate to have some members of
Congress with us today: Senators Dan
Inouye, Daniel Akaka, Jack Reed, and
former Senator Max Cleland; Congressmen
Jerry Lewis, Ike Skelton, Gene Taylor, Neil
Abercrombie, Rodney Frelinghuysen,
Sylvestre Reyes, Charles Taylor, Chet
Edwards, Eni Faleomavaega. Patty and I are
honored that you could join us. Thank you.

Sincere thanks to the members of Congress
who paid kind tributes to my service in re-
cent days: Congressmen Lewis, McHugh,
Edwards, and Skelton. I deeply appreciate
the graciousness of your remarks.

Senator Dan Inouye, special thanks to you,
sir, for your friendship and mentoring. I am
indebted to you for introducing me at my
Senate confirmation hearing. Your words
then and your support over the last four
years have been humbling. Thank you for
your patriotism and your leadership.

Deputy Secretary England—Homeland Se-
curity, Secretary and Mrs. Jim Roche—Air
Force, General Al Haig, thank you for hon-
oring us with your presence. General Barry
McCaffrey and Jill, thank you for honoring
us as well.

Secretary Togo West, 16th Secretary of the
Army, Secretary Tom and Susan White, 18th
Secretary of the Army, thanks for your un-
wavering support of soldiers and the Army,
for your friendship, and for being her today.
When they call the roll of principled, loyal,
tough guys, you will be at the top of the list.

General Dick Myers, our Chairman, his
wife, Mary Jo, and Lynne Pace, wife of our
Vice Chairman, fellow members of the Joint
Chiefs of Staff and your ladies: Vern and
Connie Clark, CNO; John and Ellen Jumper,
CSAF; Mike and Silke Hagee, Commandant,
Marine Corps; Tom and Nancy Collins, Com-
mandant, Coast Guard. To the Joint Chiefs,
you have my respect and admiration for the
experience you bring to deliberations, the re-
sponsibilities you bear for the nation, and
the care you engender for people.

Former Army Chiefs of Staff, General and
Mrs. Reimer, General and Mrs. Sullivan,
General and Mrs. Vuono; members of our
outstanding Army Secretariat, including Joe
Reeder and Mike Walker; former undersec-
retaries of the Army; our Vice Chief of Staff,
Jack Keane and his wife, Terry, who have
worked tirelessly for four years on behalf of
soldiers and the Army, thank you both for
your dedication and support.

Counterpart Army Chiefs who have trav-
eled long distances to be here today: General
and Mrs. Gert Gudera, old friends from Ger-
many since our service together in Bosnia;
General Edward Pietrzyk, Poland; General

and Mrs. Hillier, Canada; General Canelo-Franco, Paraguay; General Morozov, Russia; General Marekovic, Croatia. Patty and I are deeply honored by your presence.

Other fellow U.S. general and flag officers, serving and retired, active and reserve components, and your spouses, especially the retired four stars who are here today, thank you all for your support and your leadership. The Army is in good hands and it keeps rolling along. Let me particularly acknowledge the serving four-stars: Jim Ellis, Charlie Holland, Larry and Jean Ellis, Paul and Dede Kern, Leon and Judy Laporte, B.B. Bell, Tom and Toni Hill, Kevin and Carol Byrnes; and those recently retired from active duty, John and Ceil Abrams, Buck and Maryanne Kernan, Jay and Cherie Hendrix, Tom and Sandy Schwartz, John and Jan Coburn. Let me also acknowledge the important service and presence of the Joint and Army Staffs and the Army's general officers in command who provide strong, steady, and enduring leadership.

Sergeant Major of the Army Jack and Gloria Tilley, the Army could not have asked for two more enthusiastic proponents for soldiers and families. To you and the MACOM Sergeants Major who have gathered here today, thanks for your wise counsel and friendship. We are indebted to all of you for your leadership and your care and concern for soldiers.

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy and Mrs. Scott, former SMAs Hall, Kidd, and Bainbridge and your ladies, civilian aides to the Secretary of the Army.

My beloved family, some 70-strong, has journeyed great distances to be here. Grandma Shinseki, who turns 92 this year, has chosen not to travel, and my sister, Yvonne, has remained at home with her. But just about everyone else is here—my older brother, Paul, and his family, then Patty and our children—Lori, Ken, and their spouses who have made Patty and me grandparents five times over. Many others from Patty's and my wonderful family are gathered in strength—uncles, aunts, sisters, brothers, cousins, nephews and nieces—wonderful people who live simple lives in proud and vocal support of this Chief. God bless you all.

So many other dear friends and associates—too numerous to name but whose journeys have brought them miles, years, and memories to be here today. Kauai High School classmates, classmates from Hunterdon Central High School, where I spend a defining year of my life as an exchange student in New Jersey; the men and women of the distinguished West Point Class of 1965, representatives from industry and the nonprofits who have done so much for the Army and soldiers, especially Frances Hesselbein of the Leader to Leader Institute, members of our superb, professional media—Joe Galloway, Thom Shanker, Dick Cooper, Dave Moniz, Greg Jaffe, Ann Roosevelt, Joe Burtas, and others—who have helped to tell our soldiers' stories, the international representatives of the attache corps, our wonderful Army Arlington Ladies, who represent the Chief of Staff at each and every Army funeral in Arlington to honor our soldiers when they are laid to rest, thank you.

Youngsters from my front office and the Quarters 1 staffs, John Gingrich and members of my staff group; my XOs, Joe Riojas and Tom Bostick; and Lil Cowell, the steady hand in the office of the CSA for four Chiefs, who quietly retired last week; CW5 Dan Logan; SGM Bruce Cline and Team CSA; SFC John Turk and the Admin Section; Major Pedro Almeida, the last in a series of world-class aides; Linda Jacobs and the heroes of protocol, all kept the office of the Chief well-represented through sheer hard work and dedication, making my life and Patty's most rewarding. Thank you all.

Teri and Karen Maude and the Brian Birdwells, survivors of 11 September 2001, among the many hurt and scarred that day; spouses of the generals who ran the ground war in Iraqi Freedom; Carmen McKiernan, Kimberly Webster, Dee Thurman, and Bea Christianson, thank you for coming today and for your generosity, grace, and courage. Other distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

My name is Shinseki, and I am a soldier—an American soldier, who was born in the midst of World War II, began his service in Vietnam 37 years ago, and retires today in the midst of war in Afghanistan and Iraq. The strategic environment remains dangerous and we, in the military, serve our nation by providing the very best capabilities to restore order in a troubled world. Soldiering is an honorable profession, and I am privileged to have served every day for the past 38 years as a soldier.

The Good Book tells us, to everything there is a season and a time to every purpose. Today is a time for thank yous, and our purpose is to say farewell. As we speak, more than 370,000 soldiers are deployed and forward stationed in 120 countries. Their missions range from combat to peacekeeping to rebuilding nations to humanitarian assistance to disaster relief—and a host of other missions in between. And as busy as they are, there have been no dropped balls—none, on any mission. They are trained, disciplined, focused, and well-led. The soldiers arrayed before us represent the magnificence of that Army. Their parade formation stretches not only from left to right across this field, but also backwards in history to a time before the republic was formed. Precision counts in this profession, and no one does it any better than the Old Guard and Pershing's Own. Please join me in thanking the soldiers on parade today and on duty here, behind the stars and around the world.

Thanks also to former bosses, mentors, friends, and fellow soldiers who trained me as a soldier, and grew me as a leader—some of them are here today. General Fred Franks, who more than anyone else has been coach and mentor in all the years I served as a general officer. Generals Butch Saint, Ed Burba, Rich Cardillo, Tom Tait, who fought to keep me on active duty after a service-disqualifying injury, Dick Davis, Colonel Greynolds, my hospital bunkmate Bill Hale, and Sergeant Ernie Kingcade, noncommissioned officer, who, while under way by ship to Vietnam, provided me the only officer basic course I would receive before going into battle—and I could not have had a better education. Ernie, it has been a long journey, and the example you set has been with me for 38 years. Thanks for that early model of what noncommissioned officers were supposed to be. I have never expected less, and it has made all the difference.

To the men of '65—strength and drive. Thirty-Eight years since we stepped off together as soldiers. You have been role models, friends, associates, and fellow soldiers for these many years. Your notes in the days following 11 September and during the height of Iraqi Freedom were of great comfort—wonderful reminders of all that we had been through together. Thanks for standing my last formation with me. It's been my distinct honor to have been associated with you and with what we've accomplished as a class. Your presence is most appreciated.

To Patty, my wife of 38 years, you taught me the meaning of selflessness, of elegance, of courage, and of a bright spirit undiminished by time or adversity. You have seen me at my worst and stuck with me—and you've seen me at my best and chuckled in disbelief. Throughout it all, your patience, your balance, your encouragement, and your

love and support have sustained me. You stood beside my hospital bed for days. Helped me learn to walk a second time, enabled me to regain confidence and a sense of direction, helped me reestablish a professional career, moved our children and our household 31 times, and always, always provided great strength when it was needed most. You could have been and done anything you chose; yet you chose to be a soldier's wife. The profound grace of that decision has blessed me immeasurably. Thank you for 38 wonderful years in a profession I loved nearly as much as you.

Lastly, I want to thank the men who have served in this position, those who saw the Army through some dark days following Vietnam. It was a daunting and enormous task, but they, with others who are present today, did it. They gave us back an NCO Corps, and they gave us back an Army that fights: Generals Creighton Abrams, Fred Weyand, Bernie Rogers, Shy Meyer, John Wickham, Carl Vuono, Gordon Sullivan, and Denny Reimer.

These leaders rose to their enormous task because they understood the important distinction between command and effective leadership. They taught us that command is about authority, about an appointment to position—a set of orders granting title. Effective leadership is different. It must be learned and practiced in order for it to rise to the level of art. It has to do with values internalized and the willingness to sacrifice or subordinate all other concerns—advancement, personal well-being, safety—for others. So these men of iron invested tremendous time, energy, and intellect in leader development—to ensure that those who are privileged to be selected for command approach their duties with a sense of reverence, trust, and the willingness to sacrifice all, if necessary, for those they lead. You must love those you lead before you can be an effective leader. You can certainly command without that sense of commitment, but you cannot lead without it; and without leadership, command is a hollow experience—a vacuum often filled with mistrust and arrogance.

Our mentors understood that mistrust and arrogance are antithetical to inspired and inspiring leadership, breeding discontent, fostering malcontents, and confusing intent within the force. And so our mentors worked to reestablish that most important of virtues in our army—trust—the foundation upon which we have built our reputation as an army. We owe them all a tremendous debt of gratitude for the magnificent Army we have today, and the legacy of trust and honor they sustained.

This week, we celebrate the Army's 228th birthday—228 years. The Army's long history is, in so many ways, also the history of our nation, a history including 10 wars and all the years of restless peace in between. In those years, soldiers have been both servant and savior to the nation. Today, our nation is once again at war. The current war brings me full circle to where I began my journey as a soldier—the lessons I learned in Vietnam are always with me. They involve changes in the way many of my generation learned to train, to lead, to fight, and to always offer our best military judgment to our superiors. These were hard-learned lessons. Lessons about loyalty, about taking care of the people who sacrifice the most for the good of the nation, about uncompromising readiness that is achieved only through tough, realistic training, about the necessity for inspired and inspiring leadership, about the agility and versatility demanded by a dynamic, strategic environment, and most importantly that the Army must do two things well each and every day—train soldiers and

grow them into leaders, leaders who can unequivocally and without hesitation answer the critical question asked of any war fighter. "Can you fight? Can you fight?"

That question and those lessons are enduring ones for the profession of arms. Four years ago, with these lessons in mind, with the results of our comprehensive Army transition assessment in hand, and with our eyes always on the dynamic strategic environment, we decided to undertake fundamental and comprehensive change. Those initiatives informed the Army vision, a vision that consists of three imperatives. People. Readiness. Transformation.

Secretary Brownlee, thank you for so well capturing the Army's progress toward achieving that vision, a result of hard work by so many people. I'll only reinforce that transformation has never been about just one thing—the future combat system or the objective force—and the Army vision has never been about one person. The Army vision and transformation are about comprehensive change at the very heart of our institution, of our culture: doctrine, organization, training, leader development, materiel, and soldiers. This is the message we have consistently reiterated to all who are listening.

In these last months, the performance of soldiers and Army families has spoken loudly, clearly, and eloquently—since 11 September, we have been enormously successful operationally. In Afghanistan, as members of a combined, joint team, soldiers banished the Taliban and Al Qaeda in weeks. In Iraq, they fought with speed and agility to As-Samawah, An-Najaf, Al-Hillah, Karbala, and Baghdad, unseating a dictator, freeing an oppressed people, defeating a persistent enemy in spite of the harsh, unforgiving environment. Our soldiers demonstrated unprecedented agility and flexibility: JSOTF West—special operators fighting with armor and conventional artillery, JSOTF North—the 173rd ABN BDE—1,000 paratroopers make a night jump and fight alongside TF 1-63 Armor—1st ID, and TF 2-14 INF and a field artillery battery from the 10th Mountain; the 82nd ABN DIV Task organized with 2nd ACR(–), TF 1-41 (MECH) from Fort Riley, and a brigade of the 101st Air Assault Division; the 101st(–) fighting with TF 2-70 Armor of the 1st AD. With the greatest of agility, versatility, and courage, they fought to victory, demonstrating once again that all our magnificent moments as an Army are delivered by our people. They won the fights, and they are now facing and overcoming tremendous challenges to ensure the Afghan and Iraqi people have the opportunity to rebuild their societies and create governments characterized by democracy, prosperity, peace, and hope rather than barbarity, instability, and pervasive fear. Just as impressively, soldiers have simultaneously allowed our nation to fulfill commitments in other important regions—the Sinai, the Balkans, the Philippines, and Korea to name but a few. And had the situation in Korea gone hot, we'd have been there, too. With deeds, not words, they have unequivocally answered the question, "Can you fight?" They do not flinch. They do not waiver. Our Army fights and wins.

Those successes are enabled by our great young leaders—noncommissioned officers, lieutenants and captains, battalion and brigade commanders—who understand both what a privilege it is to lead soldiers, and the tremendous responsibility that accompanies that privilege. They love their units and the soldiers who fill them—that is the essence of leadership.

Leadership is essential in any profession, but effective leadership is paramount in the profession of arms—for those who wear the

uniform and those who do not. We, in the Army, have been blessed with tremendous civilian leadership, most notably in the service of Secretary Tom White, who we farewellled last month. We understand that leadership is not an exclusive function of uniformed service. So when some suggest that we, in the Army, don't understand the importance of civilian control of the military, well, that's just not helpful. And it isn't true. The Army has always understood the primacy of civilian control. We reinforce that principle to those with whom we train all around the world. So to muddy the waters when important issues are at stake, issues of life and death, is a disservice to all of those in and out of uniform who serve and lead so well.

Our Army's soldiers and leaders have earned our country's highest admiration and our citizens' broad support. But even as we congratulate our soldiers when we welcome them home from battle, we must beware of the tendency some may have to draw the wrong conclusions, the wrong lessons from recent operations, remembering all the while that no lesson is learned until it changes behavior. We must always maintain our focus on readiness. We must ensure that the Army has the capabilities to match the strategic environment in which we operate, a force sized correctly to meet the strategy set forth in the documents that guide us—our national security and national military strategies. Beware the 12-division strategy for a 10-division army. Our soldiers and families bear the risk and the hardship of carrying a mission load that exceeds what force capabilities we can sustain, so we must alleviate risk and hardship by our willingness to resource the mission requirement. And we must remember that decisive victory often has less to do with the plan than it does with years invested in the training of soldiers and the growing of leaders. Our nation has seen war too many times to believe that victory on the battlefield is due primarily to the brilliance of a plan—as opposed to leadership, tactical and technical proficiency, sheer grit and determination of the men and women who do the fighting and the bleeding.

Throughout my career, it has been an honor to serve with leaders who understand and are committed to uphold those obligations and duties to soldiers. Today, we find that kind of dedicated and caring leadership at every level in our Army. We are an institution that lives our values. Loyalty. Duty. Respect. Selfless service. Honor. Integrity. Personal courage. Army values—the bedrock on which our institution is built.

Those values are demonstrated outside our ranks as well as within, shared by Army families, as well as soldiers. In these last months, at the toughest times of greatest sadness and hardship, I have again and again been reminded that Army families and spouses are the most generous people I know.

As I was on the first day of my tenure four years ago, I am humbled to stand here on my last day as the 34th Chief of Staff of the United States Army. I thank the President for his confidence and trust in allowing me the opportunity to serve the nation, and this Army that has been my family for 38 years. To soldiers past and present with whom I have served, you have my deep and abiding respect and my profound thanks.

There is a magnificent Army out there—full of pride, discipline, spirit, values, commitment, and passion. General Creighton Abrams reminded us that "soldiering is an affair of the heart," and it's never been better to be a soldier. We are a magnificent Army, and the nation knows it, and honors our profession. Soldiers represent what's best about our Army and our nation. Noble by sacrifice, magnificent by performance,

and respected by all, they make us better than we ever expected to be. And for 38 years now, soldiers have never allowed me to have a bad day.

My name is Shinseki, and I'm a soldier. God bless all of you and your families. God bless our soldiers and our magnificent Army, and God bless our great nation. Thank you, and goodbye.

SPEECH BY THE HONORABLE LES BROWNLEE, ACTING SECRETARY OF THE ARMY, AT THE RETIREMENT CEREMONY FOR GENERAL ERIC K. SHINSEKI AT FORT MYER, VA, ON JUNE 11, 2003

Welcome everyone, and thanks for joining the Army family for this special retirement ceremony in which we are honoring a great American soldier, General Ric Shinseki, and his wife, Patty.

Secretary and Mrs. Mineta, Senator Inouye, Senator Akaka, Senator Reed, Senator Cleland, Congressman Skelton, Congressman Lewis, Congressman Faleomavaega, Congressman Gene Taylor, Congressman Abercrombie, Congressman Charles Taylor, Congressman Frelinghuysen, and Congressman Reyes.

Secretary Gordon England, General Alexander Haig, former Secretary of the Army Togo West, General and Mrs. Barry McCaffrey, Secretary of the Air Force and Mrs. Roche, Jim and Diane, former Secretary of the Army and Mrs. White, Tom and Susan.

The members of our Joint Chiefs of Staff, beginning with our Chairman, General Dick Meyers, and his wife, Mary Jo; the wife of our Vice Chairman, Mrs. Lynne Pace; Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Vern Clark, and Mrs. Clark; Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Mike Hagee, and Mrs. Hagee; the Commandant of the Coast Guard, Admiral Thomas Collins, and Mrs. Collins; our distinguished former Chiefs of Staff, General Vuono, General Sullivan, and General Reimer; the Vice Chief of Staff, General Jack Keane, and his wife Terry.

Our distinguished counterpart Chiefs of Staff from Canada, Germany, Croatia, Poland, and Russia. And our great Sergeant Major of the Army, the master of the one-armed pushup, Jack Tilley, and his wife, Gloria.

Senior Army leaders from the Secretariat and the Army Staff, our civilian aides to the Secretary of the Army, other distinguished general officers. Three generations of the Shinseki family. Soldiers, family members, and friends of the Army.

Welcome.

To Colonel Laufenberg and the Old Guard, and to Colonel Lamb and the Army Band, "Pershing's Own," you are tremendous representatives of all of our soldiers defending freedom around the globe.

Thank you for your professionalism, and your willingness to serve your country. Let's give them a round of applause.

It has been my distinct privilege to serve with and around Ric Shinseki for the last four decades—from the jungles of Vietnam, through the Cold War, on Capitol Hill, and more recently, in the halls of the Pentagon.

In all of those environments, he has epitomized the quiet professional. And, being the genuinely humble and modest man that he is, Ric Shinseki will never take personal credit for the enormous impact that he has had on our Army.

In organizing these comments for today, I thought back to remarks General Shinseki made in July 2000 at the Hall of Heroes induction ceremony for 22 Medal of Honor recipients of Asian and Pacific Island heritage. He said then:

"Whenever I attend a function of one of these units . . . I am always struck by this

same kind of reticence, this unwillingness ever to bring attention upon oneself. In fact, it usually takes a friend to tell the story of another friend, which is why sometimes even family members of those veterans have never heard those stories. They are unaware of the fact that someone they've known only as a father or husband or uncle or a brother is, to many others, a hero of magnificent proportions."

Well, I think he has summed up how all of us feel about Ric Shinseki. He is that quiet warrior, reluctant to speak for himself, always deflecting the spotlight to those around him and, most importantly, to the soldiers he has served so well and so faithfully.

General Shinseki has always said that the Army vision cannot be linked to one man, that it must be embraced by the entire Army.

But on this day of his retirement after 38 years of faithful and honorable service, it is fitting that we recognize his personal contributions to our nation and our Army.

Ric Shinseki saw a need to transform the Army and he had the courage, perseverance and intelligence to make it happen.

When war came, as he knew and predicted it would, he ensured that our great soldiers could fight—and that they had what they needed to guarantee victory for our nation.

Simply stated, the Chief looked to the future, and conceived a vision for what our Army must be able to do to protect our nation in the 21st century.

He translated that vision into an ambitious, yet doable, plan of action—revolving around people, readiness, and transformation.

He went out and got the resources and implemented his plan with tremendous intellect, courage, and sheer force of will, irrevocably changing our Army for the better.

All of this took tremendous courage on the Chief's part, at a time when the word "transformation" was relatively unknown.

There are some leaders who might have been able to accomplish one or maybe two of the above, but I know of no one else who could have accomplished it all.

While his strategic leadership skills were essential to the Army's successes, equally important have been the Chief's strength of character and love of our soldiers.

Many of you already know the story of the formative years of General Ric Shinseki's life.

He was born during World War II, when many Americans of Japanese ancestry were interned and labeled "enemy aliens," even as their young men etched a legacy of heroism that remains unrivaled in the annals of our Army's history.

He grew up among these heroes, indeed was appointed to West Point by one of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team's Medal of Honor recipients, Senator Daniel Inouye, who we are honored to have with us here today.

After graduation from the academy in 1965, Ric served twice in Vietnam, both times seriously wounded. His second wound was so severe, and his recovery so difficult, that the doctors wanted to put him out of the military.

He could have easily accepted the honor and accolades justly due a wounded warrior forced from service before his time, but he did not.

His love of soldiers—soldiers who had carried him out of combat on their backs—twice—and his love of our Army—was so deep that he persevered.

The iron will and depth of character that the Chief developed through the long, painful months of recovery steered an already proven warrior. His willingness to fight on behalf of the Army has had as much to do with our

Army's accomplishments as his skills as a strategic leader.

As we all know, transformation has grabbed many headlines, but the Chief's contributions to the warfighting readiness of the entire Army set the conditions for the successes our soldiers have delivered in Afghanistan and Iraq and elsewhere around the globe.

As he said in 1999, he didn't know when or where it would occur, but he knew the Army would fight during his tenure as the Chief. This motivated his focus on preparing for that moment. Nothing escaped his scrutiny, from filling combat units to 100-percent ensuring we had sufficient spare tank engines. The victories in Kabul and Baghdad were accomplished by our soldiers, but those soldiers were supported by an institution that had been keenly focused by the Chief on preparing them for battle. And one thing is certain: No army in history was equal to the Army that this Chief of Staff prepared for battle in Iraq. No Army was ever better equipped, trained, or motivated. All of us are proud of that Army, and about what they accomplished, and continue to accomplish today.

But, Ric, you will always enjoy a special pride—because this was truly your Army—molded and sculpted as a reflection of your leadership and your character.

As an Army, we also owe an enormous debt of gratitude to Patty Shinseki, who epitomizes all that is good and wonderful about Army spouses. Her genuine concern for others, her energy, and her grace under fire are remarkable.

She has known the fear of a wife whose husband goes to combat and returns wounded—twice.

She has moved over 30 times in 38 years, raised a wonderful family in the process, and has served as the senior leadership's greatest ambassador to Army families and so many other constituencies.

Patty and Ric Shinseki are a remarkable team. When Ric set his sights on improving the well-being of our Army, Patty turned a laser-like focus on these issues. The result was: spouse orientation and leadership programs, Army Family Team Building, and the Army Spouse Employment Summit, to name but a few.

In an Army in which over half of our soldiers are married, these measures enable us to retain soldiers and their families despite the many sacrifices they make on behalf of the nation.

Patty, thank you so much for all you have done for our soldiers, their families, for our communities, and the Army. We will deeply miss you.

Once again, I'd like to paraphrase from General Shinseki's own words: "It has been said, 'Poor is the nation that has no heroes, but beggared is the nation that has and forgets them.' The man we honor today answered his nation's call to duty, and in doing so, honored his heritage and his country."

In short, he is a soldier.

Ric, thank you for a lifetime of service and sacrifice, for your vision, your courage, your steadfastness, and for all you have done for our soldiers who are the Army. We will be forever in your debt.

May God always bless you and Patty and your family, our magnificent soldiers, our Army and this great nation. Thank you.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

FOSTER'S DAILY DEMOCRAT

• Mr. SUNUNU. Mr. President, I rise today on the 130th anniversary of the

first printing of New Hampshire's Foster's Daily Democrat to highlight the outstanding contribution that this family-owned newspaper has made to residents of the Granite State.

On June 18, 1873, Joshua L. Foster printed the paper's premiere edition in Dover, NH, using the motto: "We shall devote these columns mainly to the material and vital interests of Dover and vicinity. Whatever may tend to benefit this people and enhance their prosperity, will receive our warm and enthusiastic support."

Since that day, the paper's pages have remained under direct ownership of the Foster family, whose members have diligently guided it to today's milestone in publishing history.

Today, under the direction of Robert and Therese Foster, the paper's motto holds true, its staff continuing to bring readers—more than 30,000 per day—the most accurate and detailed local news, sports, and commentary.

Such an effort takes teamwork, which has existed through more than a century of local news production. Readers have known they could turn to the columns of this paper for the information they wanted, whether it be a birth announcement, a wedding notice, a school board vote, the Little League team photo, or the school bus route.

And, always an organization to stay ahead of the curve, Foster's has moved its pages online, taking the time to provide some of the most up-to-date news and information available in New Hampshire.

I have no doubt that Foster's will continue to demonstrate the positive results of working hard every day toward a common goal. It is a New Hampshire tradition, and one that deserves our recognition today. •

TRIBUTE TO DR. RALPH NURNBERGER

• Mr. MCCAIN. Madam President, I am honored today to pay tribute to a truly remarkable American, Dr. Ralph Nurnberger. As some of my colleagues may already know, Dr. Nurnberger was recently presented with the 2003 Excellence in Teaching Faculty Award from Georgetown University. I can think of no one more deserving of this award than Ralph Nurnberger. I have known Ralph for many years and I have long admired his dedication to Georgetown's students and his fellow faculty members. Anyone who has the privilege of knowing this fine man will agree that Georgetown University continues to be held in such high esteem because of professors like Ralph Nurnberger. He is a good friend and I extend my most sincere congratulations.

I ask unanimous consent that the text of the citation honoring Dr. Nurnberger be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

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In 1977, just three years after the Liberal Studies Program started and two years after